



Gathland State Park

Who's Buried in Gath's Tomb?

Do you want to be a history detective? Let's roam around the grounds of the former estate of GATH and **BE ON THE LOOKOUT (BOLO)** for clues that will help us answer some questions. We will travel in a big circle in a counter clockwise direction, making stops at several buildings and signs.



BOLO #1 (FIRST STOP): Gath Hall – Outside

***Take a walk to the front of the museum. Look at the information boards and other features of the building for clues to help answer the questions. Don't forget to look up! ***

1. When was Gathland Hall built?
2. In what year did Townsend leave his Gapland estate?
3. What is the name of Townsend's most popular book?
4. In what year was Gath Hall restored and made into a museum?

FUN FACT: George Alfred Townsend got this pen name from his initials (G.A.T.) and the Bible verse II Samuel 1:20, "Tell it not in Gath, publish it not in the streets of Askelon."



BOLO #2: Gath Lodge – Outside

***Take a walk down the pathway to the outside of the red stone building with green trim. This was the Lodge, or summer cookhouse, of the estate. Take a walk around the building and look for clues to help answer the question. Don't forget to look up! ***

1. Who was this building dedicated to?

BOLO #3: The Battle of South Mountain - Crampton's Gap

Walk to the right of the Lodge, using the walkway and lawn to get to the next set of information signs along the stone wall near Gapland Road. Use these signs and markers to look for clues to help answer the questions

1. What did soldiers find at an abandoned campsite near Frederick that allowed the Union to discover General Lee's plans in Maryland?

2. What were the names of the two cannons used by the Confederate Troup Light Artillery to defend Crampton's Gap? (Circle the Correct Answers)

“Susan” “General Lee” “Jennie” “Sallie Craig”

3. The Confederates, under Brigadier General Howell Cobb, made their last stand in defense of Crampton's Gap here at _____ Field.
4. Who were the two soldiers who received Medals of Honor for their bravery at the Battle of South Mountain?



BOLO #4: War Correspondents Arch

***Walk to the park entrance, and then use the pedestrian crosswalk to get to the Arch by crossing Gapland Road. PLEASE USE CAUTION! CARS TRAVEL VERY QUICKLY ON THIS ROAD! Take a walk around the arch and look at the various markers for clues to help answer the questions. Don't forget to look up! ***

1. Who is this Arch dedicated to?
2. What two words do you see written on the shields under the faces on the front of the arch?
3. Who or what is the small, stone marker in front of the arch dedicated to?
4. **BONUS:** Look at the lists of correspondents' names on the back side of the arch. Can you find Gath's real name?

***Before moving on, take a walk behind the arch and look down the hill. Try to imagine what it would have been like to fight a battle on the steep slope of a mountain. ***





BOLO #5: Barn Ruins

Continuing in a counter-clockwise direction, use the pedestrian crosswalk at the front of the arch to cross Arnoldstown road. PLEASE USE CAUTION! CARS TRAVEL VERY QUICKLY ON THIS ROAD! Walk the short distance through the field to the ruins of the barn. Please do no go inside of the fenced area. Look around for clues to help answer the questions

1. In what year was the barn built?
2. While facing the barn ruins, look to the right of the fence. The trail you see is part of the national scenic Appalachian Trail. Notice the markings on the fence post and trees along the trail. What color blazes are used to designate the path of the Appalachian Trail? (Circle the Correct Answer)

Red Yellow Blue White

FUN FACT: The Appalachian Trail is 2,190 miles long and runs from Georgia to Maine!

BOLO #6: AT South Trailhead

Travel back through the field toward the pavilion, and using the pedestrian crosswalk, cross Gapland Road back onto the main park entrance road. You will pass the bathrooms on your left, as well as the remains of the Townsend estate den and library ruins. Follow the white blazes up the road and through the parking lot until you reach the start of the Appalachian Trail south (Keep a lookout for the signs and blazes!) Use the signs to help find clues to answer the questions

1. Notice the signs next to the entrance of the Appalachian Trail headed south. How many miles is it to the next scenic overlook, Weverton Cliffs?
2. About one mile South of Crampton's Gap is another important location of the battlefield called Brownsville Pass. Which Confederate General mistakenly guarded this pass because he believed the Union forces would pass through the mountain there instead of at Crampton's Gap?

BOLO #7 (LAST STOP): Gath's Garden and Mausoleum

Behind the AT South sign is a gap in the stone wall. This enclosed area was most likely a garden or potential family burial plot for the estate. Notice the red sign on the right by the stone wall before entering the garden. Follow the path up to the small stone building, which was meant to be Gath's final resting place. Notice the beautiful handmade arch behind the mausoleum. Read the red signs and look for clues to help answer the questions



1. In what year did Townsend build his garden and mausoleum?
2. When and where did Gath pass away?
3. Where is Gath buried today? (Circle the Correct Answer)
New York City Washington D.C. Philadelphia Delaware
4. What quote is written on the top of Gath's tomb?

FINISH: Outside Gath Hall

Return to Gath Hall

Check answers, stamp passport, and take a team photo.